

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistani High Commission situated in various countries are indulging in Anti-India propaganda and are also providing shelter to terrorists ;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases which have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the concerned countries; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of these countries thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(d) It is well known that Pakistan, as part of its hostile and negative approach towards India, sponsors cross-border terrorism and hostile propaganda against India. It is also well known that contrary to well-established norms of diplomatic behavior Pakistan has been using its High Commissions and Embassies in third countries for this purpose. There have even been instances of Pakistani diplomats, posted abroad, being asked to leave the host country because they were indulging in activities that were incompatible with their diplomatic and official status.

Government have appropriately and effectively brought to the attention of the international community facts regarding Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism in India. There is a widespread recognition in the international community that there can be no justification for terrorism which must be eradicated wherever it exists.